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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL

Special Branch REC.

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Special Branch Reorganization Circular No. 7-7-30

Duties of Japanese Members of Special Branch

While attached to Special Branch No. 2, it will be the duty of C.D.I. Malagum to collect information of interest to the Special Branch and, in addition, to render to the Crime Branch any assistance for which he is called upon or which he is in a position to give. His duties in S.B.2 will be specifically as follows :-

1. To maintain contact with the managements of Japanese mills and collect any information which they are able to give on the subject of Red propaganda and labour agitation. In discharging this duty he should endeavour to obtain full information about :
  - (a) demands for higher wages or improvement in working hours conditions;
  - (b) complaints against foremen or others;
  - (c) strikes;
  - (d) efforts to influence workers by Red propaganda and formation of Red cells;
  - (e) opening of Red schools, etc.
2. To keep in touch with Japanese news agencies and other Japanese enterprises interested in happenings in the interior with a view to being in a position to obtain early details of any information they obtain of military or political movements in the interior which are of interest to the Settlement.
3. To maintain liaison with the Japanese Consulate, Japanese Landing Party, M.I.J.R.'s Navy and Japanese shipping companies so as to be in a position to convey to them quickly information on the subject of impending troubles in connection with which their assistance may be required, etc. and to collect any information of use to the Police which they are able to furnish.
4. To make inquiries when ordered to do so about Japanese individuals, Japanese enterprises, etc.
5. To watch and report on political movements among Japanese which are of interest to the Municipal Council or Police Force.
6. To watch and report on the movement and plans of Japanese Communists and persons of other nationalities of similar political beliefs who are associated with them.
7. To compile lists from time to time of Japanese Communists who either live in Shanghai or who visit this place from time to time.
8. To assist in the censoring of Japanese films intended for exhibition in Shanghai.

Information of the character mentioned in Nos. 1 and 2 should be immediately conveyed to Special Branch No. 1

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(Supt. Robertson), intelligence received in discharging the duties outlined in Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 should be reported without delay to C.O.I. Dunham and the duties described in No. 8 will be carried out under the instructions of C. 3 (C.O.I. Prince).

The duties of Detective Sergeant Kim of Special Branch No. 8 will until further orders be as follows :-

1. To obtain early information of plans of Koreans to hold meetings, organize demonstrations or to start activities aiming at the creation of disturbances or likely to lead to disturbances.
2. To peruse all Japanese newspapers and periodicals carefully and translate items objectionable in a moral or political sense or otherwise of special interest to the Municipal Council or Police.
3. To translate when so required documents in Japanese received by the Municipal Police or other departments of the S.M.C.
4. To obtain early information about new Japanese newspapers, periodicals, etc. which contain undesirable matter, especially articles hostile to the Municipal Council.
5. To trace Korean revolutionary literature in circulation in Shanghai and make translations of important parts of it.
6. To keep a list of all Japanese and Korean newspapers and periodicals published in Shanghai with particulars of the address, circulation, name of editor, policy, etc. of each publication.
7. To keep a list of all Japanese news agencies in Shanghai and other parts of China and be in a position to furnish information as to the owners, policy, etc. of these enterprises.
8. To make inquiries regarding activities of Korean revolutionists and persons of other nationalities associated with them.
9. To attend whenever required by the Crime Branch, Division Branch or Traffic Branch for the purpose of translating or interpreting from Korean into English and vice versa, and to assist the Crime Branch and Traffic Branch in a general way in making investigations into Korean cases.
10. To attend meetings convened by Koreans and report on the proceedings at these gatherings.
11. To submit a report daily on the efforts <sup>being made</sup> ~~being made~~ to secure information about the movements and doings of Korean underground.

*J. R. Givens*

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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C. I. D. No. 10...  
Date... 4... 6... 29...

C. I. D. Headquarters,

June 7, 1929.

## REPORT ON THE NATURE OF DUTIES PERFORMED BY J. D. I. NAKAGAWA.

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Sir,

The work performed by the undersigned consists mainly of supervising the work of Japanese members of the C. I. D. when engaged in general investigation of crimes, such as trafficking in firearms, narcotic drugs, etc. common among Japanese. Monthly reports on the work of Japanese Detectives and crime in general, wherein Japanese interests are involved, are compiled and forwarded to the D. C. I. at the end of each month.

In pursuance of orders from the D. C. I., instruction classes are held every Friday at the office of the undersigned at the Central Station when instructions on methods of crime detection and other necessary subjects are delivered by the undersigned to the junior members.

Stations where Japanese Detectives are attached are visited by me from time to time when, apart from examining the diaries kept by Japanese Detectives, the Senior Detective i/c and the Superintendent, etc. are consulted for the purpose of establishing co-ordination of work and discipline among the detectives under my supervision.

In addition to making enquiries into cases on behalf of various sections of the department, such as the Political Section, Foreign Section, Chinese Section, Indian Section, Arms Section, etc., often entailing difficulty and responsibility, it is also part of the duty of the undersigned to act as liaison officer between the Shanghai Municipal Police and

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the Japanese authorities as well as the Japanese cotton mills in the Eastern and Western districts.

In the case of serious crimes occurring in the Settlement in which Japanese interests are involved or the service of a Japanese Detective is indispensable, the undersigned is invariably called upon to work in conjunction with the senior foreign officer conducting the investigation.

It may not be amiss for me here to draw attention to the fact that considerable care is being taken by the undersigned to establish friendly relations between the Police and the Japanese community at large and the officials in particular in order to foster better understanding which is essential for mutual co-operation. A connection of this kind is of great value and facilitates enquiries.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

*S. Nakagawa*

J. D. I.

A. C. P. (Political).

*B.I.D. Reg.  
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# Shanghai Municipal Police

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
C. I. D. REGISTRY  
No. 1.0. D. 8  
Date... 1.2.6.29

G. I. D. Headquarters, Shanghai.

June 19, 1929.

## REPORT ON INSTRUCTION CLASSES OF JAPANESE DETECTIVES

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Sir,

With reference to the instructions contained in your memo dated June 1, 1929 referring to G. I. D. Conferences for Japanese Detectives, I beg respectfully to report that instruction classes have been held since May 3 on every Friday. Inasmuch as this system of instructing Detectives regularly has not formerly been in existence, all the Japanese Detectives, provided that the exigencies of the case permit, have been encouraged to attend the classes.

A summary of my lectures at each meeting is given below in chronological order in compliance with your orders:-

Friday, May 3:

Subjects dealt with:-

(1) Topography of Shanghai.

Explanations were given on the boundaries, situation, physical features, police districts, etc. of Shanghai.

(2) System of numbering of houses.

Differentiation of numbers on foreign and Chinese houses and the system of arranging the even and odd numbers on each side of the street as well as that of numbers increasing on one side of the street and decreasing on the other, the system common in the Settlement.

(3) Consular jurisdiction and how it affects G. I. D. work.

Regarding special procedure to be followed in

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arresting and conducting domiciliary searches wherein nationals enjoying extraterritoriality are concerned.

- (4) Co-operation with French Police and Chinese authorities.

The peculiar situation in Shanghai insofar as the administrative and judicial rights are concerned and the proper steps to be taken when seeking assistance from other authorities.

Friday, May 10:

- (1) Powers exercised by the Municipal Police on outside roads.

That the right of the Police is strictly confined to the road and other important points to be taken into consideration such as blind alleyways and houses fronting the road but without back doors, etc.

- (2) functioning on waterways.

Co-operation with the River Police and functioning on boats berthed alongside wharfs and jetties.

- (3) Necessity for close co-operation with the Uniform Branch.

That harmonious co-operation will facilitate the work and raise the efficiency of Police.

Friday, May 17:

- (1) The investigation of serious crime - points to be considered including searching for clues such as finger prints, foot prints, wheel marks, etc. and

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the necessity of leaving them untouched, when necessary, until the arrival of senior officers.

- (2) Peculiarities of Chinese character and psychology to be considered when dealing with Chinese detectives, agents, witnesses, etc., and how it is always necessary to guard oneself from being imposed upon by them by taking their statements with a certain amount of reserve.

- (3) Procedure governing the giving of evidence in the various Courts.

That evidence must be the whole truth, accurate, up to the point, etc. and that the whole facts, whether favourable or unfavourable to the prisoner, must be laid before the Court. The necessity of keeping one's temper and emotion under control.

Friday, May 24:

- (1) Propaganda methods of the Communist Party.

Dissemination of handbills, leaflets, posters, pamphlets, etc. with a view to conducting subversive propaganda among students and labourers and clandestine meetings, etc.

- (2) The use of firearms.

That it is to be used when the life of a person or persons is in imminent danger or some serious damage is about to be done to some property or when it is necessary for a Police officer to

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defend himself against attack by assailants and when there is no other alternative but to defend himself..

(2) Shadowing criminals and suspects.

That the utmost care should be taken not to be noticed by them and at the same time keep a sharp lookout so as not to miss these men.

Friday, June 7:

(1) Pickpockets and their methods.

On how they avail themselves of the congestion on tramcars, buses and other public places. That they operate in groups and how it is essential to arrest them red-handed in order to get a conviction.

(2) Armed robbery:

On how and at what hour this form of crime is usually committed and by what sort of people. The description of language spoken to be noted and steps to be taken by Detectives.

(3) Armed kidnapping:

The identity of abductors, the cause of abduction, the description of the vehicles used, if any.

Friday, June 14:

(1) Illegal arrest.

Cases where a warrant is necessary and other exceptional cases. Consular jurisdiction and other factors involving the rights of authorities

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other than the Shanghai Municipal Council.

(2) Detective attending fire.

Apart from making enquiries into the cause of the fire, insurance etc., close lookout must be kept for thieves who take advantage of the confusion to commit a crime.

(3) Raid on gambling dens.

Raids must be prearranged and carried out by a group of officers and in no case by one man. Precautions to be taken at the exits and the seizure of the gambling paraphernalia as evidence.

(4) Civility to public:

The necessity of treating complainants and others kindly and with respect and refraining from using unnecessary force when dealing with criminals so that the public will always be willing to help the Police when necessary.

I remain, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*S. Nakagawa*  
J. C. D. I.

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C. I.